

TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Request for Applications for Building Energy Efficiency and Retrofit Grants Program of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (RFA# BE-G8-2013)

Official Responses to Questions from Potential Applicants **(June 14, 2013)**

1. Will funding be available for labor and installation cost of just supply cost of fixtures?

RESPONSE: The funding amounts listed on page 3 of the application, Lighting and Lighting Controls, is the total funding that will be provided for each lighting fixture.

2. Is Out door lighting included?

RESPONSE: Outdoor lighting that fits into the categories described on page 3 of the application, Lighting and Lighting Controls, are eligible.

3. Are funds available for LED bulb retrofits using existing fixtures?

RESPONSE: LED bulb retrofits using existing fixtures are eligible retrofits. These retrofits would be funded at 20% of fair market value on a per fixture basis. See page 3 of the application.

4. The slide shows deadline of July rather than June for applications.

RESPONSE: This question relates to the May 30th webinar. Follow the Key Deadlines schedule posted at <http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/funding/nolfa/5FIVE25/>.

5. The chart says June 28 is the award dateline and the pp says july 19 in one of the last pages. Which one is it?

RESPONSE: This question relates to the May 30th webinar. Follow the Key Deadlines schedule posted at <http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/funding/nolfa/5FIVE25/>.

6. Does the Non-Profit have to be a 501 (c) 3?

RESPONSE: The Applicant must be a “community-based organization” or “house of worship” as required by Section 2305.0322 of the Texas Government Code. A community-based organization is defined as a nonprofit corporation or association that is located in close proximity to the population the organization serves. A house of worship is defined as a nonprofit corporation or association that: (A) is operated through a religious or denominational organization, including an organization that is operated for religious, educational, or charitable purposes and that is operated, supervised, or controlled, wholly or partly, by or in connection with a religious organization; or (B) clearly demonstrates through the organization's mission statement, policies, or practices that the organization is guided or motivated by religion. There is no specific requirement that the community-based organization or house of worship be registered as a “501(c)(3)” with the Internal Revenue Service.

7. I am the office manager of a non-profit organization in [name of city], TX. I joined SECO’s webinar on the LoanSTAR “5-FIVE-25” Pilot Program last week and had a question regarding an acceptable project. Would the installation of insulation be an eligible energy-related cost-reduction project under this loan program?

RESPONSE: This question relates to the May 30th webinar. Eligible energy-related cost-reduction categories in this Request for Application are listed in the application. Installation of insulation is not one of the eligible energy-related cost-reduction categories identified.

8. Considering the geographical constraint of personally reviewing the document, I request you to provide us with the following details before we buy the document:

a. List of Items, Schedule of Requirements, Scope of Work, Terms of Reference, Bill of Materials required.

RESPONSE: The scope of work and items requested are set forth in the RFA.

b. Soft Copy of the Tender Document through email.

RESPONSE: The complete RFA is available for downloading or printing, free of charge, at the following website address: <http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us>.

c. Names of countries that will be eligible to participate in this tender.

RESPONSE: Applicants must be able to meet the minimum requirements of the RFA.

d. Information about the Tendering Procedure and Guidelines.

RESPONSE: The requested information is set forth in the RFA.

e. Estimated Budget for this Purchase.

RESPONSE: Under any agreement resulting from this RFA, the maximum loan amount shall not exceed \$25,000.

f. Any Extension of Bidding Deadline?

RESPONSE: No; all applications are due by the June 28, 2013, 2:00 p.m. deadline as set forth in the RFA.

g. Any Addendum or Pre Bid meeting Minutes?

RESPONSE: Addendum No. 1 was posted on the Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD) on May 21, 2013. Notices of any further changes to items directly impacting the original RFA or application process will be posted on the, located at: <http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us>.